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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kunihiro MITSUTAKE et al.) Group Art Unit: 2857
Application No.: 09/931,916) Examiner: Baran, Mary C.
Filed: August 20, 2001)
For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND) Confirmation No.: 4340
COMPUTER PROGRAM OF)
SEARCHING FOR CLUSTERING)
FAULTS IN SEMICONDUCTOR)
DEVICE MANUFACTURING)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2004, the period for response having been extended to May 20, 2004 by a request for a one-month extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants present the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper beginning on page 13.

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